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on the playing fields, I have found that this new technology could prove very useful. For today's super athletes, who are usually judged as being perfectionist, it could very well help them be even better athletes.

Testing: Testing is still in the progressive stages, but preliminary testing has proven that Fingertip Grippers are very effective.

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Title: Fingertip Grippers

Conception: I came up with this idea of the Fingertip Grippers as a kid in summer camp after I tried to grip a basketball and hold it. Since my hands were small, I was not able to do so. I thought of the fingertip grippers so that those athletes in all sports could grip whatever ball they were playing with.

Description: The Fingertip Grippers are adhesive liners made of a combination of materials such as: rubber, lambskin, cowhide or natural skin. There will also be an adhesive compound that will bond the Fingertip Grippers and the fingertips. The adhesive compound will be made of a similar adhesive to what is used on bandages. They will be applied to the fingertips, primarily the three fingers that are located between the thumb and pinky finger.

Resolution: The Fingertip Grippers will be used in athletics sports such as basketball, baseball and football. As athletes play sports, there are frequent balls that are dropped, slip or get away because of sweaty palms or fingertips. The Fingertip Grippers provide a solution to this problem. They will improve an athlete's accuracy by 15% overall. After years of playing these sports

ADVANTAGES

It makes a difference when playing with a wet versus a dry ball. Fingertip Grippers prevent wet balls from slipping and gives you even better control over dry balls. The body temperature does not affect the grip while wearing Fingertip Grippers. You have the same accurate release in a wet or dry hand environment. It also provides the ability to hold onto the ball in adverse weather.

Problems this invention seeks to solve

The ingredients of the adhesive may contain such ingredients as polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene and the like, which are used in many backing sheets of adhesive films that are used for bandages. They will contain holes, which will allow air to keep the palm tips free from perspiration. Many athletes concentrate on their bodies to give them the edge to be a superior athlete. The adhesive tips give the athletes more of an advantage. It gives the athlete that has small hands the ability to have a better grip and solves the problem that most athletes face when their hands become sweaty and they cannot grip the ball. The Fingertip Grippers helps to prevent callus and blisters from forming on fingers. Moreover, it addresses the discomfort and dexterity issues of leather gloves, which does not allow the hand to breathe well.

The invention relates to a process of producing an adhesive film, which is coated on one side and has the rubber/lambskin on the other.

Color, size and shape may vary.

INVENTOR'S STATEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF FINGERTIP GRIPPERS

Brief Description:

Fingertip Grippers: Increase in overall performance by 5 to 15%, whether it is throwing, catching or shooting athletic balls. It surpasses the discomfort and dexterity of athletic gloves by giving the hand the freedom to breathe as well as the natural feeling of the hand.

Functions 1-5: Pressure Points (increases athletes gripping with any athletic balls)

Function 2,3,4: Release Points (increases release points with any athletic balls)

Detailed Description:

This invention relates to an adhesive film made of adhesive rubber/lambskin tips, which are placed at the tips of the fingers. More specifically, this invention relates to adhesive film on the back of the rubber/lambskin tips. The adhesive film contains anti-water or anti-sweat properties that will keep the adhesive from slipping off of the skin's surface.



DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING

Front view of the Fingertip Grippers

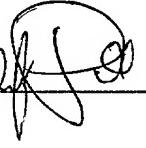
- Crosslink design for better gripping of athletic balls
- Shape and size may vary based on individual hands
- Color may be transparent for particular sporting events like baseball which has restrictions

Back view of the Fingertip Gripper

Adhesive on the back should be able to sustain sweat and durability of athletic sports.

Small holes may be put in place to give the finger a place to breathe. The Fingertip Grippers should have the same texture or feeling that an individual has when they wash their hands and rub their fingers together.

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